

36. (original) The apparatus of claim 34, which is an apparatus for treating molten aluminium, said component being exposed during use to molten aluminium.

37. (amended) A method of operating an apparatus as defined in [any one of claims 34 to 36] claim 34, wherein during operation said component is exposed to molten aluminium.

38. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein the apparatus is an aluminium electrowinning cell, said method comprising electrowinning aluminium which comes into contact with said component.

39. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein the apparatus is an apparatus for treating molten aluminium, said method comprising treating molten aluminium which comes into contact with said component.

### REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims as was intended by the preliminary amendment which was not entered as it was non-compliant.

Following the amendment, claims 1, 2, 5 and 8-31 remain out of Groups I and II as identified by Examiner. **Because of the amendment, Applicants elect the (now) single invention of claims 1, 2, 5 and 8-31, without traverse.**

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